

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?

- I was the Member of Provincial Parliament for Orléans from 2014-2019. Before that I was a social worker and business owner.

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?

- Yes, I have lived in Orléans for 20 years.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

- I have been involved in the Community Advisory Committee for the Champlain Community Access Centre, working group on affordable housing with the United Way, and Vice-President of CARP Ottawa.

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

- One of the most inspiring events I have attended is a Canadian Citizenship Ceremony. I encourage everyone to take the time to witness how inspiring and monumental those ceremonies are. My husband Alvaro was born in El Salvador and I remember the day he became a Canadian Citizen. I was reminded in that moment how beautiful and accepting our country is – how fortunate we are to live free and without many of the challenges people around the world still face. Citizenship ceremonies remind me of all of the rich diversity of culture, ethnicity and languages that define Canada.

5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

- Jean Chretien is a political role model for me. He led the Liberals to three back-to-back majority victories and served our country for 50 years. Throughout everything, he stayed true to who he was and was an inspiration to many of us. I lived in Gatineau during the 1995 referendum and I can credit Chretien and his pleas for unity for why I became a Liberal. He worked hard to improve the life of Canadians – including same-sex couples, as he got the legislative ball rolling on legalization of same-sex marriage. As a Franco-Ontarian, I also admired his support for official bilingualism and multiculturalism. What he accomplished in his years of service makes him one of our greatest Prime Ministers.

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

- Our commitment to jobs and growing our economy. Since 2015, Canadians have created over 1 million new jobs. Our economy is growing, wages are going up, and Canada's unemployment is at its lowest in over 40 years. Our plan to support businesses will make it more affordable for them to move forward, grow and create more good jobs. We have lowered the small business tax rate from 11% to 9% and we will continue to make sure that our small and medium-sized businesses have the support they need.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

- Since becoming a local representative in 2014, I have worked hard to engage my community and find out what matters most to them. No matter the age, language, job, or background – I have tried to connect with people to show how politics can work if we work together. I am a firm believer in working with all levels of government and interested parties to get things done. I encourage young people to find out what programs and services are available to them to become more involved and let their voices be heard. I want to continue serving my community to keep engaging our residents and keep building on our progress.